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Philadelphia PGA Section Junior Golf Tour Players Appear on Steve Harvey Show **Teenagers Showcase Trick Shot Skills and Promote Growing the Game**

Lower Gwynedd Township, PA., April 11, 2018 ... On Friday, April 6, two teenage members of the Philadelphia PGA Section's Junior Golf Tour team appeared on the nationally syndicated Steve Harvey Show to showcase their trick shot skills, while helping promote the game of golf. James Dalzell and Michael Mitnick, both 15 from Linwood, NJ, honed their trick shot skills indoors during the winter snow storms that wreaked havoc on the northeast. A video (<http://stevetv.com/clip/this-trick-shot-golfer-will-blow-your-mind>) of their incredible shot making prowess made it to Steve Harvey who invited the teenagers to appear on the show and provide a trick shot demonstration in-studio before a live audience.

In creating a video that showcases golf in an alternative form, the duo believes they can help promote many aspects of the game. "We want to try to really grow the game, because people look at golf and say that it's not that cool," said Michael Mitnick. "But, when they see these trick shots they might think otherwise, and it's a game of honesty and integrity. And, it gives you life lessons that you can use later in life, which is really good."

Dalzell and Mitnick currently compete on the Philadelphia PGA's Junior Golf Tour, where they have enjoyed strong success. During the fall 2017 season, Dalzell, who competes in the Boys 13-15 Division, earned two wins on the tour, while Mitnick, earned 2nd and 3rd place finishes competing against older competition in the Boys 16-18 Division.

"We are really proud of James and Michael, not only for their love of the game, but for their desire to promote golf beyond the course, and helping inspire others to enjoy the sport in some form," said Geoff Surette, Executive Director, Philadelphia PGA Section. "These young men are not only fine players and terrific trick shot artists, but now they are ambassadors for the game. That is impressive for two teenagers."

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ABOUT PHILADELPHIA SECTION PGA JUNIOR GOLF TOUR

The Philadelphia PGA Section Junior Golf Tour provides fun and invaluable opportunities to get out and play, and leads the region in competitive junior golf. The Tour's membership consists of junior golfers 18 years of age and younger. These young golfers, representing all geographic areas of the Philadelphia Section, participate in over 90 events seasonally at top facilities. All are enjoyable family friendly events. Players have a wide range in age, ability and experience, therefore the program is specialized accordingly. The program offers the best in competition and tournament experience for members in the area. Tournaments vary from competitive, 1-day, 18 hole and 9 hole events along with 2-day, 36-hole events for national rankings by the Junior Golf Scoreboard and AJGA (PBE Status). The Philadelphia Section PGA Junior Tour hosts four major championships throughout the season; the Junior PGA Championship, a nationally recognized event, the Harry Hammond Invitational, an event which promotes junior golfers advancing to college, the Jon M. Pritsch Cup, a Ryder Cup-style match against the New Jersey Section PGA Junior Tour, and the Junior Tour Championship, an invitation-only event of all the previous year's winners and top players. With opportunities to learn, grow, and compete many graduate to play at the college level and beyond. The Philadelphia Section PGA Junior Tour is proud to help in developing social skills, self-esteem, and inspire youth in our community.

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